

# Kanine Korner

By Francis X. Lohmann

"Teenagers, particularly girls, are 'dogs' best friends," according to a recent survey. A tabulation of responses to a questionnaire sent out by the teen publication, Seventeen Magazine, showed that in nearly six million homes where there are both teenagers and pets, it was the girls who wanted the animals.

This was true in seven out of ten dog owning families. In half of these families, the teenage girl is the dog's mistress, the person most attached to the dog and who looks after him.

In addition to dogs and cats, which leads the list of pets, teenagers also own birds, fish, rabbits, mice, hamsters, horses and turtles, in that order of popularity.

LIKE THEIR youthful owners, dogs are "snackers." This is definitely not the best way to feed a dog but what can he do when in the company of the snack-eating young set?

Fortunately, the dog's diet is generally varied and he is given a good commercial dog food as well. Speaking of in-between snacks, I can unhesitatingly recommend the professionally endorsed dog treats — Liv-A-Snaps, Chicken Canape Snaps or Char-O-Snaps, available at your neighborhood supermarket or pet shop.

Dogs are now living to an average age of 14 years, an increase of two years above the 1964 life expectancy.

The fact that people are living longer today has made the study of geriatrics an im-

portant branch of human medicine. And just as in the case of human beings, in geriatric studies of dogs, veterinarians are finding that it isn't just old age but a particular illness in the older animal which must be treated.

BOWSER BROWNSINGS — Entries close Sept. 19 for the upcoming Kennel Club of Pasadena's all breed dog show and obedience trial. For further info, premium lists, and entry forms contact the Jack Bradshaw office, 727 Venice Blvd., Los Angeles . . . Lord Byron immortalized the beloved dog when he wrote for posterity — "Beauty without vanity, strength without insolence, courage without ferocity, and all the virtues of man without his vices . . ."

Dr. Boris Levinson, the famed psychologist, once said of dogs — "A good form of psychotherapy, the house pet, particularly the dog, is more important to man psychologically than in any other direction. The dog helps humans

to fill needs for loyalty, trust, respect, obedience and submission . . . A king-sized bark to Joan Brearley, the new editor of Popular Dogs Magazine. She takes over the editorial helm of the nationally circulated canine monthly with the October issue. My heartiest congratulations! . . .

ON WALKS with her owner, David T. Marke of New York City, Moïselle, a Miniature Poodle, shows a nose for money — she has sniffed out more than \$125 in coins and bills in the streets . . . About the only thing my Gordon Setter, Lady Heather, ever finds are old shoes and other varied items of worthless disregard . . . Until the last decade of the 17th Century, the Greyhound was known as the Greekhound or Greek Dog . . . The famous voice of Jim Nabors as Gomer Pyle is the latest celebrity-ite to introduce my radio version of Kanine Korner. Nabors is an avid German Shepherd fancier

and a tremendous human expression. Terrier-like in build, the Griffon is also gifted with the alert intelligence and high spirited good humor, definitely Terrier attributes.

Typical specimens of this breed are characterized by a smart strutting carriage and short, thick-set bodies. The Griffon is NOT of ancient lineage. The breed in its present form probably did not exist much before the 1880s. It took a combination of four older breeds to produce the 20th Century Brussels Griffon.

THESE FOUR breeds included — the German Affenpinscher, a common Belgian street dog (known as the Stable Griffon), the Pug and the Toy Spaniel. The Griffon's

Recommended for your doggie library:—Larry's pocket-sized reservoir of canine cartoons. Hilariously humorous! Priced at only a dollar, copies can be ordered direct from the publisher — The Stephen Green Press, 120 Main St., Brattleboro, Vt. . . Do you own a Poodle? If the answer is in the affirmative then keep this in mind and check your charge. Should the long hair on a Poodle's head be allowed to fall forward it will interfere with the dog's vision besides looking untidy.

BREED OF THE WEEK — Brussels Griffon . . . The Brussels Griffon's returned, bewhiskered little face gives him a monkeyish, almost human expression.

short pushed-in nose, large circular eyes and domed skull are most likely conceived from the Pug and the Toy Spaniel.

The breed's cocky intelligence, hardiness and gameness make him one of the most attractive of the toy breeds. The Brussels Griffon tips the scales at about eight pounds and in height eight inches.

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## Teen Dance To Resume

"Back to School" will be theme of the first teen dance of the new school year in Lomita, it was announced today. The dance is scheduled Friday, Sept. 22, at the Lomita Recreation Center.

The event will mark the beginning of a new year for the Lomita Teen Dance Club. Dances and other activities are planned throughout the school year.

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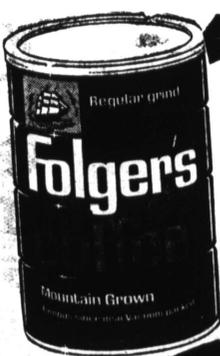
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